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BEGIN SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: VISIT TO JAKARTA

AUG 6-8 BY ELEVEN MEMBER HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY, LED BY CHAIRMAN LESTER WOLFF, PROVIDED VERY USEFUL EXCHANGE OF INDONESIAN AND CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS ON US-INDONESIAN RELATIONS, INCLUDING MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID, INDONESIAN DEVELOPMENT, REGIONAL SECURITY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS. CONGRESSMEN DIVIDED INTO TAKS FORCES FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENSE, ECONOMICS AND AGRICULTURE, WHICH CALLED ON FOLLOWING GOI LEADERS: (FOREIGN AFFAIRS)-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MALIK, DEPUTY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF AND PRESIDNETIAL ADVISER LTGEN ALI MURTOPO;(DEFENSE)-MINISTER OF DEFENSE PANGGABEAN, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE CHIEF MAJGEN MURDANI, INTELLIGENCE CHIEF LTGEN YOGA;(ECONOMICS)-MINSITER OF ECONOMY WIDJOJO, MINISTER OF RESEARCH SUMITRO, MINISTER OF TRADE PRAWIRO, MINISTER OF MINES SADLI, GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK SELEH, PERTAMINA DIRECTOR LTGEN IBNU SUTOWO (APROCULTURE)-MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE THOJIB, BULOG DEPUTY DIRECTOR SUKRIYA. CONGRESSMEN SOLARZ AND SIMON

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CALLED ON FONDEP ASEAN DIRECTOR UMARJADI AND TOOK WALKING

TOUR OF JAKARTA SLUMS; SOLARZ MET WITH AMIR DAUD,, EX-EDITOR OF BANNED NEWSPAPER PEDOMAN AND MEMBERS OF UI STUDENT SENATE; CONGRESSMAN WOLFF MET WITH EX-GOI AMBASSADOR TO US SOEDJATMOKO; CONGRESSMAN GILMAN MET WITH JUSTICE MINISTER MOCHTAR; MOST MEMBERS MET WITH SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT IDHAM CHALID AND SUMISKUM; AND ENTIRE DELEGATION MET WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO. FULL RECORDS MAJOR CONVERSATIONS IN REFTELS AND MEMCONS BEING POUCHED TO EA/REA AND OTHERS. SUMMARY COMMENTS OF IMPORTANT POINTS MADE BY GOI LEADERS AND CONGRESSMEN FOLLOW. END SUMMARY AND INTRIDUCTION

1. US AND INDONESIAN RELATIONS

CHAIRMAN WOLFF AND COLLEAGUES EMPHASIZED THAT VIETNAM EXPEREINCE HAS NOT DIMINISHED US DESIRE FOR INVOLVEMENT IN ASIA, BUT THAT IN FUTURE, US SEEKS MORE OF A CO-EQUAL PARTNERSHIP ROLE AND MUTUAL COOPERATION WITH ASIAN NATIONS. CONGRESSMAN STRESSED US RESPECT FOR AND INTEREST IN INDONESIA AS A MAJOR NATION AND IMPORTANCE OF CONGRESSIONAL ROLE IN US FOREIGN POLICY. IN THIS CONNECTION, CONGRESSMAN WOLFF TOLD SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT IDHAM CHALID THAT US CONGRESS DESIRES MORE FREQUENT EXCHANGES WITH INDONESIAN PARLIAMENT COUNTERPARTS; CHALID ENTHUSIASTICLY AGREED. CHAIRMAN WOLFF ALSO INVITED OTHER GOI LEADERS, INCLUDING ADAM MALIK AND ALI MURTOPO, TO MEET WITH CONGRESSMEN WHEN IN WASHINGTON; AND PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR RENEWED CONTACTS WITH CONGRESSMEN AND MEMBERS OF INDONESIAN GROUP INCLUDING MURTOPO WHO WILL VISIT WASHINGTON IN LATE OCTOBER.

2. POLITICAL/SECURITY

PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND OTHER INDONESIAN REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED GOI EFFORT TO CREATE "NATIONAL RESILIENCE" IN AREAS OF DEFENSE, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND IDOELOGICAL DEVELOPMENT TO COUNTER SUBVERSION AND BUILD SELF RELIANCE. THEY STRESSED INDONESIA'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP POPULAR MOTIVATION AND SUPPORT, LACK OF WHICH LED TO FALL OF INDOCHINA REGIMES TO COMMUNISTS.

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3. PANGGABEAN, YOGA, MURTOPO AND MALIK MENTIONED NEED FOR US MILITARY AID, ESPECIALLY IN PATROL SURVEILLANCE, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS AREAS TO HELP GOI RESIST SUBVERSION--NOW A GREATER DANGER AS RESULT OF COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA. THEY DESCRIBED INDOCHINA CUMMUNIST REGIMES, AS WELL AS PRC AND USSR, AS MILITANT AND EXPANSIONIST. SEVERAL INDONESIANS COMMENTED ON DANGERS OF INFILTRATION OF CAPTURED US ARMS FROM VIETNAM,

NOTING THAT INDONESIA'S GEOGRAPHY CREATES SPECIAL DEFENSE PROBLEMS.

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4. IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESSMEN'S QUESTIONS ABOUT INDONESIA'S DESIRE FOR PRESENCE OF KEVENTHFLT AND US BASES IN SEA, SUHARTO SAID INDONESIA DOES NOT NEED BASES ITSELF BUT ACCEPTS THE NEED FOR BASES IN OTHER COUNTRIES IF THEY BELIEVE BASES ARE NECESSARY TO DEFEND THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. MURTOPO SAID THIS AREA WOULD COLLAPSE TO CUMMUNISTS WITHOUT SEVENTHFLT; GEN YOGA PREDICTED THAT WITHOUT SEVENTHFLT RESULTING VACUUM WOULD BE FILLED BY LESS FRIENDLY POWERS; WHILE MALIK RECOMMENDED MORE EMPHASIS ON US AID FOR REGIONAL DEFENSE CAPABILITY THAN ON US BASES. CONGRESSSMEN POINTED OUT NEED FOR ASEAN LEADERS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES FRANKLY IN PUBLIC IN SUPPORT OF US MILITARY PRESENCE IF THEY DESIRE IT.

5. ASEAN

MANY INDONESIAN LEADERS EMPHASIZED GREAT IMPORTANCE OF ASEAN AND REGIONAL COOPERATION TO INDONESIA'S FOREIGN POLICY. MALIK SAID ASEAN MEMBERS RECOGNIZE TIME IS RIPE FOR MORE COOPERATION IN POLITICAL AND SECURITY FIELDS, ALTHOUGH GEN YOGA SAID FORMAL ASEAN MILITARY PACT MIGHT PROVOKE COMMUNISTS. FONDEP'S UMARJADI EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT EARLY PROSPECTS FOR ASEAN FREE TRADE ZONE OR JOINT INVESTMENT PROJECTS.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS/PRESS FREEDOM

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CONGRESSMEN GILMAN,, SOLARZ AND OTHERS EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN DETAINEES AND PRESS RESTRAINTS, ASKING OF THESE PROBLEMS BEING SOLVED AS RESULT OF ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. INDONESIANS EXPLAINED HISTORY OF INSTABILITY AND DISUNITY WHICH HAVE CREATED THESE PROBLEMS, INCLUDING ATTEMPTED COMMUNIST-SUPPORTED COUP IN 1965 AND JANUARY 1974 JAKARTA RIOTS; THEY ASKED CONGRESSMEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT, FOR THESE REASONS, AND A YOUNG, DEVELOPING NATION, INDONESIA CANNOT YET AFFORD DEGREE OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM ENJOYED IN SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SUCH AS US. GEN YOGA NOTED 1.5 MILLION COMMUNISTS STILL AT LARGE AND THAT SOME CHINESE ALSO REPRESENT SUBVERSIVE THREAT.

7. ECONOMIC

WIDJOJO AND OTHER GOI ECONOMIC MINISTERS STRESSED STRONG DESIRE FOR GROWING US PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO AID DEVELOPMENT AND BALANCE LARGE JAPANESE INVESTMENT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS HE AND COLLEAGUES EXPRESSED HOPE CONGRESS WOULD MAINTAIN TAX INCENTIVES FOR THIS. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT EXCLUSION OF INDONESIA FROM GSP UNDER US TRADE ACT, DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTING EXIM LOANS, AND PURPORTED LACK OF US SUPPORT FOR WORLD BANK CREDITS FOR INDONESIA HAD BEEN INTERPRETED BY SOME HERE AS SIGNS OF DECLINING US INTEREST IN INDONESIA. THEY ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT US BARRIERS TO TEXTILE IMPORTS FROM INDONESIA AND SAID EUROPEANS WERE AHEAD OF US IN GSP BENEFITS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND IM PROVIDING MORE ATTRACTIVE EXIM TYPE CREDITS.

8. PERTAMINA DIRECTOR IBNU SUTOWO EXPLAINED INDONESIA'S SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION-SHARING ARRANGEMENT WITH FOREIGN OIL CONTRACT COMPANIES AND GAVE DETAILED EXPLANATION WHY INDONESIAN CONTRACTS WITH OIL COMPANIES LESS STRINGENT THAN THOSE IN MID EAST NATIONS. SUTOWO ALSO EXPLAINED IMPORTANCE OF EARLY FPC DECISION ON CONTRACT INDONESIA HAS SIGNED WITH PACIFIC LIGHTING FOR SALE OF LNG TO US ON TERMS THAT ARE MORE FAVORABLE THAN THOSE IN SIMILAR CONTRACT WITH JAPAN.

9. AGRICULTURE

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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE THOJIB AND BULOG DEPUTY SUKRIYA EXPLAINED INDONESIA'S FOOD AND COMMODITY IMPORT NEEDS. THOJIB NOTED INDONESIA NOT LIKELY TO EXPORT RICE IN NEAR FUTURE. CONGRESSMAN MYERS PREDICTED TREND OF DECREASING US FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LIKELY TO CONTINUE. CONGRESSMAN DE LA GARZA DESCRIBED BILL HE HAS INTRODUCED FOR PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH DIRECT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITIES IN US AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. THOJIB POINTED OUT BILL WOULD HAVE LIMITED APPLICATION IF CONFINED ONLY TO UNIVERSITY RELATIONSHIP.

10. SPECIAL INTERESTS OF CONGRESSMEN
WHILE IN JAKARTA, SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN EXPRESSED

SPECIAL INTEREST IN CERTAIN FIELDS--WHICH DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO NOTE--AS FOLLOWS: GILMAN, LAW OF THE SEA, PRESS FREEDOM, HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES IN GENERAL; SOLARZ, DETAINEES PRESS FREEDOM, POPULATION CONTROL; MYERS, TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY; CLANCY, US TAX LAW AFFECTING AMERICAN INVESTMENT OVERSEAS; SIMON, ASEAN, US TAX LEGISLATION; DE LA GARZA, TRANSFER OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND FOOD PRODUCTION; BADILLO, URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

11. PRESS AND EDITORIAL COVERAGE OF CODEL WOLFF EXTENSIVE AND, WITH MINOR EXCEPTIONS, FAVORABLE THANKS TO TIME CODEL MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS AND POSITIVE TENOR OF THEIR COMMENTS. NEWSOM

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